

- Group III      Claims 49-61, 92-114, 116 and 117, drawn to a method for making thiosulfate, classified in class 423, subclass 514+.
- Group IV      Claims 62-91, drawn to a thiosulfate reactor system, classified in class 422, subclass 129+.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Group II, Claims 27-48. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 1-25, 49-117) at a later date.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination and allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

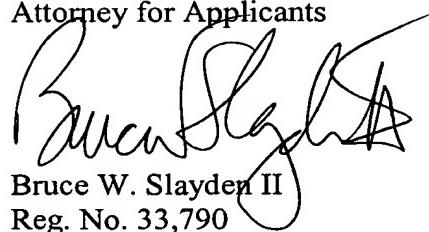
An extension of one (1) month is requested and a Notification of Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee of \$110.00 is attached herewith.

Applicants believe no further fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0383 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

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